

"WE'VE TURNED THE RASCALS OUT," DECLARED ROOSEVELT

His Speech Against Old Guard and One Made Against Him Proved to Be Real Things in Fireworks.

SARATOGA, New York, September 27.—Mr. Roosevelt in his speech as temporary chairman of the Republican state convention, said:

"We come here feeling that we have the right to appeal to the people from the standpoint alone of national and State achievement."

"In the last eighteen months a long list of laws, embodying legislation most heartily to be commended as combining wisdom with progress, has been enacted by congress and approved by President Taft. The amendments to the interstate commerce law; beginning of a national legislative program for the exercise of the taxing power in connection with big corporations doing an interstate business; the appointment of a commission to frame measures that do away with the evils of overpopulation and improper and excessive issues of stocks and bonds; the law providing for publicity of campaign expenses; the establishment of the maximum and minimum tariff provisions, and the exceedingly able negotiation of the Canadian and other treaties in accordance therewith; the inauguration of the policy of providing for a disinterested revision of tariff schedules through a high-class commission of experts, which will treat each schedule purely on its own merits, with a view both to protecting the consumer from excessive prices and to securing the American producer and especially the American wage-worker, what will represent the difference in cost of production in countries where labor is less liberally rewarded; the extension of the laws regulating safety appliances for the protection of labor; the creation of a bureau of mines; these and similar laws, backed up by executive action, reflect high credit from all who were involved in putting them in their present shape upon the statute books; they represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come; and the beneficence and far-reaching importance of this work done for the whole people measure the credit which is rightly due to the congress and to our able, upright and distinguished President, William Howard Taft."

"Turning from the Nation to the State we find that during the term of office of Governor Hughes an extraordinary amount of wise and good legislation in the interest of all the people has been put upon the statute books and the standard of business integrity and efficiency in the management of the several State departments has been steadily raised."

Rascals Turned Out.

"Of course, with a party as long in control of Nation and State as ours has been, there have been individual instances of misconduct and corruption. But there is no need of any other party raising the cry of 'Turn the rascals out,' for we have turned our own rascals out, and where the rascals are found to exist in the future we will be even more prompt to punish any one of our own party adherents than an adherent of another party, because we feel a peculiar responsibility in dealing with the man who not only degrades himself and the public service, but discredits our own party by belonging to it."

"I believe in the party to which we belong because I believe in the principles for which the Republican party stood in the days of Abraham Lincoln; and, furthermore, and especially, because I believe in treating these principles not as dead, but as living. Empty glorification of our past amounts to less than nothing if we put it forward as an excuse for not doing our duty in the living present. We can deserve the confidence of the people by proving in deed as well as in word that we face the problem of dealing with political and business corruption and of working for social and economic justice and for the betterment of the conditions of life and the uplifting of our people with the same fervor and sincerity that Lincoln and his followers brought to the great tasks allotted to them in their day."

"Corruption in every form is the arch enemy of this Republic, the arch enemy of free institutions and of government by the people, an ever more dangerous enemy than the open lawlessness of violence, because it works in hidden and furtive fashion."

"We are against corruption in politics; we are against corruption in business, and above and with all our strength, we are against the degrading alliance of crooked business and crooked politics, the alliance which adds strength to the already powerful corrupt head of big business, and which makes them in their dual capacity enemies against whom every patriotic man should stand with unwavering firmness."

"The corporation must be protected, but the given its rights, but it must be prevented from doing wrong, and its managers must be held in strict accountability when it does wrong, and it must be deprived of all secret influence in our public life. We must strive to do away with the social and economic injustices that have come from failing to meet by proper legislation the changed conditions brought about by the gigantic growth of our gigantic industries."

Help the Workers.

"We must see that, by far-reaching legislation, the workman who is crippled and the family of the workman who is killed in industry are compensated, so that the losses necessarily incurred in certain industries shall be equitably and fairly distributed instead of being on the shoulders of those not able to bear them. We must make it a matter of obligation by the State to see that the conditions under which workmen and women do their work shall be safe and healthful. So far as by

legislation is possible we must strive to give to the working man the power to achieve and maintain a high standard of living."

"Let no man say that this is an ambition upon the lowest business plan."

Stands for Honesty.

"In short, our attitude is clearly that we stand for honesty as well as for progressiveness, and for efficiency; that we believe both business men and politicians should be just and upright and honest as well as wise, courageous and far-sighted. We are against crookedness in the small men, but we are against it just as strongly in the big men. We judge each man by his conduct and not by his wealth or his social station; and we hold it to be our bounden duty to strive steadily to make and to keep this great American commonwealth as a true democracy and steadily to endeavor to shape our legislation and our social conditions so that there shall be a far nearer approach than at present toward equality of opportunity among men."

"We, who come together to set the standard of our party, have a grave responsibility to that party and to the public. Democracy means nothing unless the people rule. The role of the boss is the negation of democracy."

"We should at once introduce in this State the system of direct nominations in the primaries so that the people shall be able themselves to decide who the candidates shall be, instead of being limited merely to choosing between candidates with whose nomination they have had nothing to do."

"Our country offers the most wonderful example of democratic government on a great scale that the world has ever seen, and the peoples of the world are watching to see whether we succeed or fail. We believe with all our hearts in democracy; in the capacity of the people to govern themselves; and we are bound to succeed, for our success means not only our own triumph, but the triumph of the cause of the rights of the people throughout the world and the uplifting of the banner of hope for all the nations of mankind."

Tremendous Ovation.

When Chairman Woodruff, amid thundering cheers, announced that Colonel Roosevelt had been duly elected temporary chairman and named Vice-President Sherman and State Superintendent of Prisons C. V. Collins as a committee to escort Colonel Roosevelt to the chair, he received a tremendous ovation."

Mr. Sherman came sauntering down the aisle and shook hands cordially with his successful opponent, congratulating him on his victory. The Colonel whispered something in the Vice-President's ear while the convention shouted and cheered. There was a volley of cheers when Vice-President Sherman introduced Colonel Roosevelt, saying briefly: "Gentlemen, your selection for temporary chairman, Colonel Roosevelt."

Teddy's Jaws Set.

The Colonel took the chair and gavel, and, thumping the table with a whack brought the cheers to a stop. The Colonel looked straight out in the auditorium, his face streaming with perspiration and his jaw was firmly set.

Republicans of the State of New York," he began, "I thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me and the confidence you have displayed in me and all of my power will be exerted so that you shall not have cause now or hereafter to regret what you have done."

Colonel Roosevelt then proceeded with his keynote speech, printed in full above. The delegates and spectators gave the temporary chairman quiet attention, punctuating his speech with frequent outbursts of applause. The mention of President Taft and Governor Hughes came in for liberal cheering.

Woodruff in the Chair.

Chairman Woodruff called the convention to order at 12:45 and the convention took up the regular order of business.

When the roll call had been completed, Chairman Woodruff announced: "The next order of business is the election of a temporary chairman."

There was an instant hush, then a ripple of uncertain applause, after which Chairman Woodruff addressed the convention. He said:

"I have been instructed by the Republican State Committee to recommend to this convention a temporary chairman, and in doing so I ask your indulgence for a moment."

"President Taft deeply desires that his party here in convention assembled, representing the largest and most potent Republican constituencies in the United States, should unequivocally endorse the administration. This I know from personal knowledge, as the result of a visit made two weeks before the meeting of the State committee to the summer capital at Beverly. There he made known not only his desires, but also his apprehensions."

Why Mr. Sherman?

"To allay these apprehensions, what more natural than the selection to make the keynote speech as temporary chairman of him who has been sent to speak for the administration to all parts of the country, even into the President's own State of Ohio—the Vice-President of the United States, James S. Sherman?"

"Who else, indeed, could the State, unless actuated by some ulterior motive, have ever thought of to speak for the national administration in this, his own State, which with unanimity and enthusiasm presented him two years ago at Chicago as the choice for the second highest office in the gift of the people?"

"A precursor for the designation of the Vice-President as temporary chairman for the convention by the State committee at its meeting last night," Mr. Woodruff continued, "was widely

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established two years ago, when Senator Ross, then premier of the national administration, was selected at the meeting of the State committee, held a month before the convention."

"As chairman of the Republican State convention, no one had suggested to me, so far as I know, to any other member of the committee, the name of any other person than the Vice-President as temporary chairman until Mr. Griseom, sitting in the committee as a proxy, moved to substitute another name for that of Vice-President Sherman after the latter's name had been properly presented. What was the object of this action?"

"The correspondence between Colonel Roosevelt and myself just after the meeting of the State committee shows more clearly than can otherwise be presented that his opposition to the selection of Vice-President Sherman was not based on any personal grounds, but because he desired an opportunity to present views as to the policies which should hereafter guide the destinies of the Republican party."

"Perhaps I had better read my letter to him and his letter to me."

"August 17, 1919, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, L. I.:

"My Dear Colonel Roosevelt:—It is not possible that it is necessary for me to tell you that the action of the State committee yesterday, in which I participated, was in no sense intended as an act of hostility toward you, or one of reflection upon you."

Woodruff 'Surprised.'

"I saw Ward and Barnes after their talk with you and they told me what you said about this whole matter and I hope, you know, despite some things I said this morning, that they told you the exact facts. Not one of us supposed that your name would be presented without your notifying Ward, the national committeeman of me, the chairman of the State committee, that you wished it done and I never was so much surprised in my life as when Griseom made the motion which he did. Not a word had been said to me before the meeting by anybody that indicated this course was to be taken and I understand that neither Griseom nor any one else told Ward or Barnes, or any of the other members of the committee that this was their purpose."

"Believing that you must appreciate the position in which, under the circumstances, we suddenly found ourselves, after having agreed upon the selection of Sherman, in conformity with the precedent established by the selection of Senator Root two years ago as temporary chairman, I beg to remain, with best wishes, yours affectionately, TIMOTHY WOODRUFF, 'Chairman.'"

Defense of Sherman.

Chairman Woodruff added to his speech the letter written by Vice-President Sherman to the State committee asking that the committee investigate the charges that his selection had been made by misrepresentation and the committee's action on the matter last night.

The committee, Mr. Woodruff said, decided that Vice-President Sherman's selection was made without deceit and misrepresentation."

There were cheers for the Vice-President and Joseph Hicks of Nassau county, who in a short speech nominated Colonel Roosevelt for temporary chairman."

Then the convention broke into wild cheers and continuous applause, delegates waving their hats and clapping their hands, while the band played a march."

Albany Gruber of New York, who had been selected to fire the broadside of the 'old guard' against Colonel Roosevelt's selection, was recognized and made his way to the platform. Colonel Gruber said in part:

A Bitter Attack.

"Twelve years ago on this platform I warned the Republican convention against turning the executive mansion into a shooting gallery. My advice was not heeded. Since that memorable day the man who has ever since been shooting has been his party organization divided in every State, his party's candidate overwhelmingly defeated, business depressed and the intelligent and honest working man without employment and hungry. Looking for other fields for shooting practice, this man is now shooting at the courts and its judges. Gruber posing as a lawyer, who never had a case or drew a brief, he now finds sport in holding up the courts and judges to the scorn of the mob. But this is not a new symptom. It is an old disease. This apostle of demagogic practice, while he was President, abused Judge Humphreys, a gentleman and honest man, for rejecting a decision which was made according to the law, and which in this case is uncontroverted. When the United States Appellate Court reversed Judge Landis the same shooter, not from the head of a barrel, but from the White House, snatched by Albin Lincoln, told the people of the United States that the judges had been guilty of subverting justice."

"Workingmen of the United States, do you recall that when Haywood and Meyer were on trial for their lives, this same shooter, with all the power of the

President of the United States, sought to influence the jury by holding up these leaders of labor as undesirable citizens?"

"A French king once said: 'I am the State.' No sane man may every say 'I am the United States.' The people of the country are now its brains. Men who a few months ago believed, now disbelieve, men who worshipped them, now execrate, and throughout the country the business men as such are facing people, and as lovers of their rights and liberties are fearing revolution. From Caesar to Napoleon, from Napoleon to the American Jack Cade,

"When given power to shoot the trusts, he drew a line between the good ones and the bad ones. The steel and sugar trusts were the good ones, those which would not help along the shooter's schemes were the bad ones. As now those who cry 'Vive le Roi' are good Republicans, and those who are putting patriotism above all else and therefore will not join the cry, are bad Republicans."

"While under the table I touched 'em' feet."

"I can not with Lorimer sit down at a seat."

"Fellow-citizens of New York, has the correspondence with Harriman passed from your minds? While the firm was Roosevelt and Harriman and not Roosevelt and Lincoln, the shooter and railroad man were engaged in a joint plan to get money, and, in writing the senior member of the firm assured Harriman that they were both practical men and had better keep the partnership under cover. Every generation gives opportunity to the patriotic and brave to keep our ship of state headed in the right direction and all of us business men, farmers, laboring men, professional men and, yes, even the women of this country may now, if they will, join in the great fight begun in the convention to present a third term or something worse."

No one enjoyed Gruber's speech more than Colonel Roosevelt, who chuckled repeatedly. The delegates hissed Gruber's statement that it would be found that two-thirds of Roosevelt's strength in the convention came from federal officeholders."

At one point the jeers and cat-calls became so great that Colonel Roosevelt leaped to his feet and waving his hands at the delegates, cried:

"I ask a full hearing for Colonel Gruber!"

The speaker continued, but hisses almost drowned his attacks on Colonel Roosevelt."

Colonel Gruber concluding, Controller Pranger of New York was recognized to speak for Colonel Roosevelt. Mr. Pranger congratulated Colonel Roosevelt on Colonel Gruber's speech. He said he knew of nothing better to show the line of cleavage between Colonel Roosevelt's friends and other people in this convention. The speaker assailed the action of the State committee last night."

A rollcall on chairmanship was ordered at two twenty-two."

Chairman Woodruff interrupted the rollcall at two-forty-five, saying that at the rate the rollcall was being made it would take an hour to complete it. He suggested that the call be postponed in the regular way, but the delegates protested that each man cast his vote as an individual."

Mr. Barnes was the first name called and there was a great cheer as he cast his vote for James S. Sherman. The Albany delegation cast its entire twenty-eight votes for Sherman."

There were loud cheers when former State Chairman Dunn cast the first vote for Theodore Roosevelt."

Senator Depeux and Stewart L. Woodford, former ambassador to Spain, voted for Roosevelt."

NEW SMUGGLING SCHEME.

VENTURA, California, September 24.—Government spies in the role of fishermen are reported to be keeping a close watch on operations along the channel islands which skirt the southern California coast. There is a suspicion that opium is being smuggled into the United States from Mexico by way of the islands. Government officials are working on the theory that the great fish traffic among the islands is made use of by the smugglers. It is said the smugglers run up with the opium from Mexico in small boats and to the islands transfer the contraband stuff to the boats of fishermen, who in turn get the opium into their fish shipments to Los Angeles and San Francisco."

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